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METHODS EMPLOYING SUCH CLUSTER

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the official action mailed on January 8, 2004.

Applicant hereby elects the Invention of Group I(A) for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. As set forth in the action, Group I(A) includes claims 1 through 54 which are characterized by the examiner as being drawn to a burner assembly including a venturi cluster and a collector structure, and a burner assembly having a burner tip and incorporating the venturi and collector structure, classified in class 431, subclass 354.

Applicant reserves the right to continue the prosecution of claims directed to non-elected inventions in one or more separately filed divisional applications.

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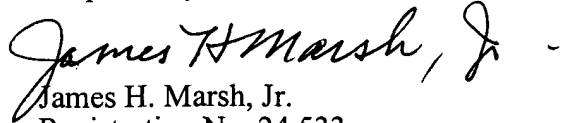
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In view of the foregoing election of invention, it is respectfully submitted that this application should now be in condition for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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